

may be omitted without seriously interfering with the effectiveness of the whole. The units cover practically every phase of home economics except clothing and foods.

The subject matter is grouped under the following heads—*Family Relationship and Home Management*; *Health and Home Care of the Sick*; and *Child Care and Development*.

This book fills a real need, and should prove a great help to both experienced and inexperienced high school teachers of home economics.

A. R. B.

THE FOLK COSTUME BOOK. By Frances H. Haire. New York: A. S. Barnes and Company. 1927. Pp. 150. \$6.00.

This is a book of real value to the director of the dance, festival, pageant, or play, when information on folk costume is desired.

The author has selected as typical of each country not the elaborate festival or wedding costume of that country nor the work-a-day dress but has struck a happy medium in the choice of the usual attire seen at county fairs, at church, or neighborhood dances. The costumes selected are simple, pretty, and inexpensive to reproduce. In cases where single and married women wear different type dresses both are shown.

The description of the costumes and directions for making are greatly simplified by the use of richly colored illustrations. From these, general effects are easily gotten, which facilitate the task of accurate reproduction.

The volume includes, in addition to folk costumes of twenty-two European countries, the costume of the American Indian, and the three typical American period costumes most frequently sought, the colonial, the western front, and the style of 1850-1870. Unfortunately, illustrations are omitted in the descriptions of the American costumes.

A. R. B.

A CHARACTER BOOK FOR THE FOURTH GRADE. By Curtis Gentry. Boston: D. C. Heath and Co. 1929. Pp. 71. 36 cents.

A CHARACTER BOOK FOR THE FIFTH GRADE. By Curtis Gentry. Boston: D. C. Heath and Co. 1929. Pp. 79. 36 cents.

A CHARACTER BOOK FOR THE SIXTH GRADE. By Curtis Gentry. Boston: D. C. Heath and Co. 1929. Pp. 79. 36 cents.

At this time, when much of research relative to Character Education has been and is still being done by some of our foremost educators, it is interesting to find material which can be put directly into the hands of the pupil. Such are the above-named books, in which the author has brought together definite material leading towards character-making.

As already indicated, this has been graded to fit the needs of the intermediate-grades children, and, as Mr. Gentry points out, the books may be used as supplementary reading once each week, or may alternate with minor subjects, thereby making no interference with the regular curriculum. The type of lessons, most of which relate to heroic persons or deeds of both historic and modern times, is particularly appealing to boys and girls of this period of school life, and, in

order to help these lessons more definitely to become a part of the child—to help him to do right because it is right, provision is made for specific work, including self-measurement tests, besides the mere reading of each selection, and suggestions are made to the teacher that opportunity be furnished for the child to put into practice these different desirable traits.

Since character education is, today, pre-eminently the school's job, these books should find a ready welcome from the teacher. B. J. L.

## NEWS OF THE COLLEGE

At the beginning of the debating season H. T. C. debaters were defeated by North Carolina State College on February 17 in Walter Reed Hall. Harrisonburg had the negative side of the question, "Resolved, That all nations should adopt a plan of complete disarmament, excepting such forces as are needed for police protection," and was represented by Jane Campbell, '31, and Marguerite Smithey, '33.

Meeting Farmville State Teachers College in double debate on March 28, Harrisonburg teams will again debate the same subject—Marguerite Smithey and Jane Campbell upholding the negative there, Isabel Duval, '32, and Henrie Steinmetz, '32, representing the affirmative here. On the same programs the two colleges will hold an oratorical contest, the subject being "Women in the Making of Virginia History." Elizabeth Plank, '31, will represent Harrisonburg at Farmville, Nancy Trott, '31, at Harrisonburg.

On February 17, the student body made its choice of officers for the coming year when the annual election was held. Shirley Miller was elected president of the Student Government Association; Mary Watt of the Athletic Association; Nellie Cowan of the Y. W. C. A.; Frances Snyder editor-in-chief of the *Breeze*; and Virginia Gilliam editor-in-chief of the *Schoolma'am*. The term of office for four of these begins with the spring quarter, March 19, the new editor-in-chief of the *Schoolma'am* serving for the 1931 annual.

The nominating convention, at its meeting February 4, named the following nomi-



nees, and it was upon this ticket that the student body voted:

President Student Association—Shirley Miller, Dorothy Rodes, Virginia Thomas.  
President Athletic Association—Julia Duke, Mary Watt.  
President Y. W. C. A.—Florine Collins, Nellie Cowan.  
Editor-in-Chief *Breeze*—Jane Campbell, Frances Snyder.  
Editor-in-Chief *Schoolma'am*—Mae Brown, Virginia Gilliam.

Following the election of the five major officers, came the second election day on Wednesday, March 12, when the remaining officers of campus organizations were balloted for.

Of the eleven officers voted for in the second election, the following girls were elected:

Vice-President Student Government: Virginia Thomas, junior, of Portsmouth.  
Vice-President Athletic Association: Lena Bones, junior, of Pulaski.  
Vice-President of Y. W. C. A.: Jeannette Ingle, junior, of Halifax.  
Editor of the *Handbook*: Henrie Steinmetz, sophomore, of Charleston, West Virginia.  
Business Manager of *Breeze*: Elizabeth Oakes, junior, of Gladys.  
Business Manager of *Schoolma'am*: Margaret Moore, sophomore, of Norfolk.  
Business Manager of Athletic Association: Catherine Wherrett, sophomore, of Norfolk.  
Secretary-Treasurer of Student Government: Mae Brown, junior, of Winfall.  
Secretary of Y. W. C. A.: Jane Campbell, junior, of Old Church.  
Treasurer of Y. W. C. A.: Mary Farinholt, sophomore, of Petersburg.  
Recorder of Points: Sally Bishop Jones, sophomore, of Cape Charles.

Other names on the ballot were:

Vice-President Student Government: Evelyn Wilson, Grace Kerr.  
Secretary-Treasurer Student Government: Catherine Howell.  
Recorder of Points: Florence Stephenson, Margaret Beck.  
Business Manager *Breeze*: Audrey Cassell.  
Business Manager *Schoolma'am*: Cathryn Markham.  
Vice-President Y. W. C. A.: Dorothy Rodes.  
Secretary Y. W. C. A.: Florene Collins.  
Treasurer Y. W. C. A.: Louise Harwell.  
Business Manager Athletic Association: Sue Leith.  
Vice-President Athletic Association: Lois Winston.  
Editor-in-Chief *Handbook*: Frances Mathews.

## ALUMNAE NEWS

### HOME ECONOMICS GRADUATES, 1928-29

State Teachers College, Harrisonburg, Va.	
Number receiving B. S. degree .....	38
Number now teaching .....	27
In Virginia .....	16
In North Carolina .....	3
In Pennsylvania .....	3
In Maryland .....	2
In West Virginia .....	1
In Delaware .....	1
In Florida .....	1
Number otherwise occupied .....	11
Taking hospital dietitian course...	3
Now hospital dietitians .....	2
Assistant college dietitian .....	1
Commercial demonstrator .....	1
Extension work .....	1
At home, by choice .....	2
Married .....	1
Positions available but unfilled .....	6
Graduates available .....	0

### A LETTER TO THE ALUMNAE

H. T. C., Saturday

Dearest Home Economics Alumnae:

We certainly don't want the home economics issue of the VIRGINIA TEACHER to go out without a word of greeting to you!

Lots of things have happened since you left, but the campus looks about the same as last year except that of course you would miss one of the old barns, and you would see the stakes which mark the new administration building. You know this building will be between Maury and Walter Reed.

This is Sophomore week and the white and green are in evidence everywhere. The lobby in Harrison looks most attractive and the Sophs. look their best in white and green. The class held chapel Friday. Mr. Duke gave us a look into the future of a new age even more wonderful than our own.

The annual dance, sponsored by the Co-



tillion Club, was the social affair of the week-end. The big gym was decorated in a sort of Mardi Gras effect with modernistic lights. There were loads of stags and everybody says it was the best dance ever.

This quarter is almost over and it seems as if we had just returned from the Christmas holidays—doesn't time fly? This reminds me of our Christmas party—did you hear about it? Well, it was for the home economics seniors. We were all invited over to the practice house for supper. There was a tiny Christmas tree and a big wood fire and a nice supper. Then when we were all sitting around the fire the door bell rang and at the front door we found a telegram and a suit case from Santa Claus. He said he didn't have time to stop, but he wanted to wish us a Merry Christmas. When we opened up the suit case we found gifts for everybody. There were several engagement rings; can you guess who they were for?

Why, I almost forgot to tell you that the Liberal Arts Commission was here the first quarter. They visited classes and attended chapel and then had dinner at the practice house. Of course you know that the commission has been continued and nothing has been done as yet.

Mrs. Avery and Miss Marie White, the latter of the Federal Board for Vocational Education, were here in November. They were so nice that we enjoyed their visit from beginning to end.

In a few more weeks we'll be wondering where we'll be this time next year. Do you remember how you all talked about it? But I must get to work—be sure to come to commencement and we'll tell you all the things we forgot to write.

With love and greetings from H. T. C., I am,

Most sincerely,  
ELIZABETH DIXON

P. S.—We have a fine basketball team this year (as usual). Our girls are going to

New York this week to play Savage and New York University.

Buena Vista, Virginia.

Dear Mrs. Garber:

It has been a mighty long time, it seems to me, since I've had a chance to talk to anyone from H. T. C. I've made wild plans to come down to Harrisonburg for some time, but it looks as if something always happens. I hope that I am going to "make" commencement this year—but I don't know.

I honestly believe that I have a bunch of the original "angels" this year. There are thirty-two of them in what we call the III C grade. It is really an ungraded room. Everything in reading and spelling from the first grade up and then two sections of arithmetic and one each of geography, language, music, and art. It's some outfit! On the side, I have a troop of girl scouts and the high school glee club.

Dear me, I seem to be devoting this letter to myself. You, of course, know that Emma has a little girl. Elsie Edgeworth Ridings is her name. . . .

How are the Stratfords coming along? I certainly have missed them.

Much love to you and everybody else I love at H. T. C.

Sincerely,  
RUTH DOLD

#### WHAT CAN ALUMNÆ CLUBS DO?

Keep the State Secretary informed of all meetings, of new alumnæ moving in, and of old alumnæ moving out.

Be on the lookout for good material to send to the college.

Entertain at a September meeting all the high school students who expect to attend a teachers college.

Entertain at a spring meeting the five best girls in the graduating class of the local high school, the selection to be made on the basis of scholarship, physical fitness, and general leadership.

Send to all alumnæ in the community